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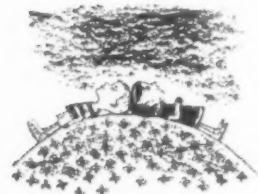
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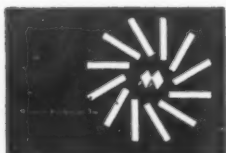
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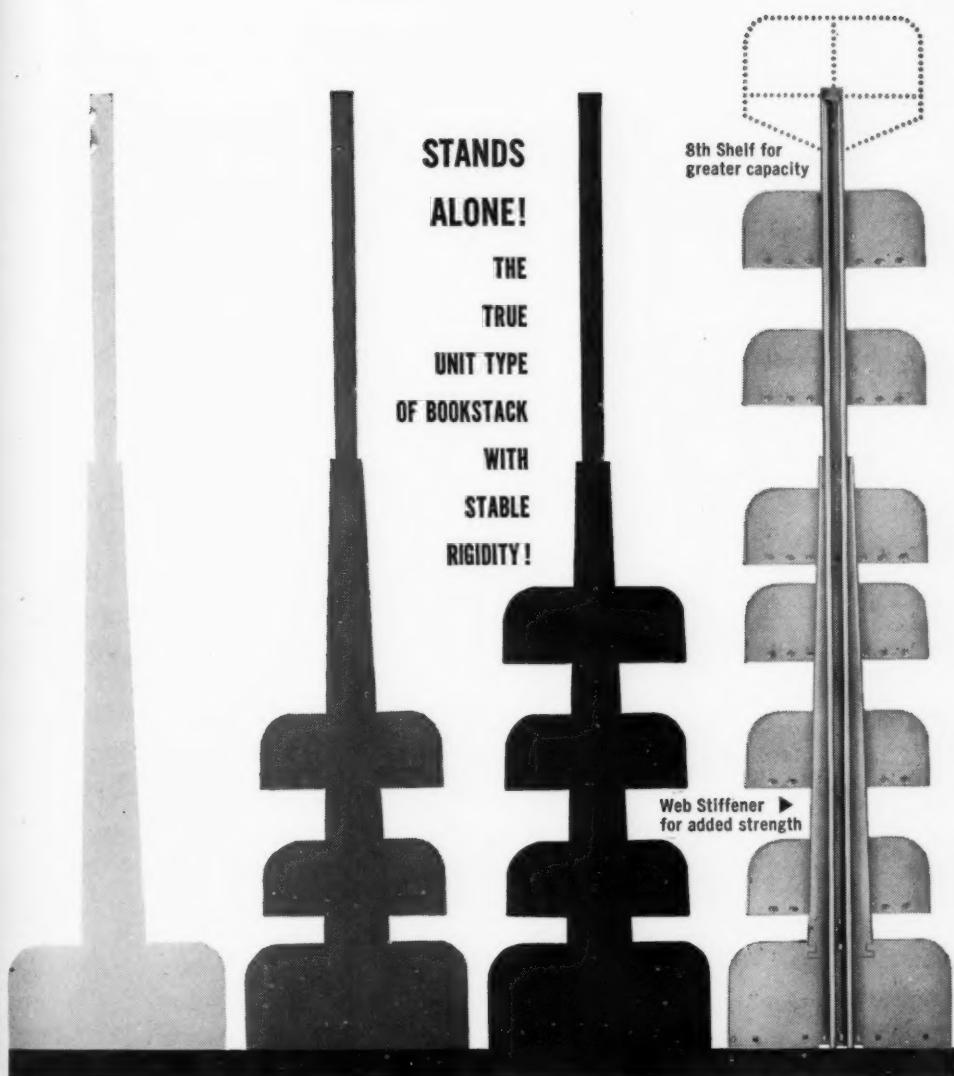
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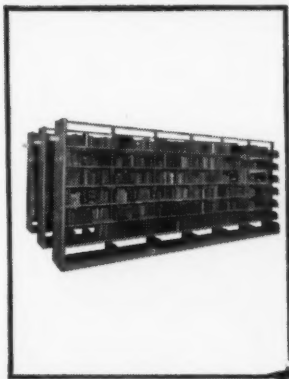
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The President's Page



Rubie Hanks

"NOW THAT WE HAVE BUILT . . .," the theme of the Annual Conference to be held in Baton Rouge, March 19-21, is in recognition of the many new and reconstructed library buildings in Louisiana. The building trend has been moving at a rapid pace since 1950.

With adequate physical plants in many parts of the state, we can now direct our energies to the new challenges of the day. Louisiana libraries are entering into a new position of influence and responsibility.

The Thirty-Third Annual Conference is being planned to help the membership meet these varied and exciting challenges. Interesting, diverse and stimulating three days await you in Baton Rouge, March 19-21, with headquarters at the Capitol House.

By all means attend this Conference that gives recognition to the culmination of years of dreaming, planning and working. An important milestone has been reached. Be present to honor this achievement and make plans for the future.

L.L.A. was well represented at Southwestern Library Association meeting in Galveston. Two of our three elected representatives attended, Miss Nan Floyd and Mr. E. J. Scheerer. Louisiana's report given by Mr. Scheerer was outstanding.

December 8, the Executive Board held a meeting in the new State Library in Baton Rouge. In addition to the members of the Board, Dr. Essae M. Culver, Mrs. Florinell F. Morton, Miss Vivian Cazayoux, Miss Lucille Arceneaux and Mr. John Uhler attended.

Excellent reports were given by Mrs. Morton, Convention Chairman, and Miss Vivian Cazayoux, Program Chairman. Every evidence of a successful annual conference for 1959 was reflected in these reports.

A financial report from the *Bulletin* was presented by the Business Manager, Miss Arceneaux. Because of the cancellation of advertisers and change of the fiscal year, a rather large amount was due for printing past issues of *Bulletin*. The Board voted to clear this obligation and asked that special effort be made to secure local advertisements for the Convention issue of the *Bulletin*.

We hope that many of you responded to the Editor's inquiry in the Winter issue of the *Bulletin* concerning the kind of information and articles you want to see in the *Bulletin*. Our gratitude to Dr. Johnson for adding the Editorship to his busy schedule.

All members are invited and urged to give prompt cooperation to Miss Loma Knighten and Mr. Ovey Trahan who are working diligently to make National Library Week for 1959 another great success in Louisiana. With April 12-18 as the dates, there is not much time left for planning.

Due to illness in her family, Miss Jane Ellen Carstens, 1st Vice-President, was not able to function as Chairman of the Membership Committee until recently. Jane Ellen's task is a large and tremendously important one and we hope each member will

assist in increasing the membership of the Association. After almost reaching the goal of 900 members by the end of 1958, we can now work toward the new goal of 1000 for 1959!

A great deal of planning and hard work is being done by the committees of the Association. Through these efficient commit-

tees the work of the Association is largely carried on.

Other pages of the *Bulletin* will give detailed information about the Conference. We hope these will lure a record attendance.

See you in Baton Rouge.

Sincerely,
Rubie M. Hanks

Louisiana State Library Building

By

DEBORA R. ABRAMSON

It is hard to believe that the new Louisiana State Library building is actually a reality and not a dream, for it was but a dream for so many years, and there were so many hazards and uncertainties in the story of its completion.

The hundreds of organizations and thousands of individuals who had been interested in a home for the overcrowded service agency were delighted when the Legislature in 1954 included two million dollars for a Louisiana State Library Building in a forty-two million dollar bond issue.

The Library had been operating under terribly crowded conditions in several locations. The Readers' Services Department was housed in the Hill Memorial Library, the Department for the Blind in New Orleans in a building which had been condemned, the Negro Services Department in a small room lent to us by Southern University.

Conditions were such that it was actually no small task to figure what space it would take to house the existing facilities, but the planning and the "programming" were a source of excitement and pleasure to the entire staff.

There were many general considerations that were felt by the State Librarian to be of primary importance, namely that the building be inviting and of easy access, that there be no formidable steps, that an atmosphere of friendliness, with comfortable

reading areas and books in evidence, greet the visitor, and that there be parking space for staff and library users.

It was also felt that administrative and business offices should be easily available to staff, callers, and patrons.

Since the State Library provides books and other library materials to State Officials, state legislators, and state employees, a first consideration was for the choice of a site to be within easy access of the Capitol and the several existing state buildings on the Capitol grounds.

Other desirable features it was deemed wise to include in the planning of the library were a meeting room in which staff meetings, meetings of parish librarians, etc., could be held, and it was thought necessary to have a small auditorium, as well as a staff lounge. The lack of such facilities had been a source of concern for many years.

As a beginning step, each staff member was asked to write a description of his job, the equipment he used, the number of patrons served, how much space he occupied, an estimate of what he considered a reasonable expansion for twenty years as well as his relationships with other departments or services within the library.

Following this, a great deal of time was spent in locating departments in preliminary sketches, always with the idea of smooth

and efficient flow of work, and the convenience to patrons and staff.

Actual work on the building did not begin until two years after the money was appropriated due to a series of changes of proposed sites, each of which, of course, caused changes in the plans for the library.

As it finally evolved and the construction began on the Third Street site immediately in front of the old Hill Memorial Library building this was the way the Louisiana State Library was planned: Its services and the above-mentioned features required a five-story oblong building with low rectangular wings on either side, and a large basement. A plaza across the front connects the two wings, one of which houses a memorial room, and the other a small auditorium.

The Readers' Services Department and collection which includes for circulation a varied collection of books, with the exception of fiction and children's books, is located on the first floor, but with stack space for 77,000 books in the basement. The reading areas are on the first floor, including an area for reference books, periodical indexes and other library tools which must be used within the building, (this on the south end of the building) and on the north end a large reading room in which over four hundred magazines and newspapers are available. A smaller, corner (northeast) room provides excellent space, reading and shelf, for legislative reference.

Across the center of the first floor are the large main charging desk, to the right of which are the desks of reference librarians and to the left, that of the librarian who has charge of the Louisiana Department, which contains rare and current material about Louisiana, including state reports and documents, books on the history of the state, biographies of its people, folk-lore, folk music, etc., and books by and about Louisianians.

In the southeast corner of the first floor is a large receiving and shipping area, which adjoins the processing department for Read-

ers' Services material, as well as the freight elevators.

The mezzanine floor overlooks the main floor charging desk area, and on the north end are to be found the Board Room, the offices of the librarian, assistant librarian, and secretary and on the east side, the offices of the field consultants and the business office, and on the south end the Film Department.

The Film Department has a collection of 16 millimeter sound films on a variety of subjects available for loan free of charge. These are educational, informational films especially useful as program material and as a basis for group discussion. Special shelving has been provided for recordings of which the library has very few, but which it hopes to be able to provide in the future, and the department is equipped with previewing and film storage facilities, as well as specially-designed listening tables for records.

The third floor houses the Extension Department which selects, orders, catalogs and processes the books and library materials which go into "demonstration" libraries. The offices for this department are on the north end of the building, the stack area in the center, and on the south end is to be found the Negro Services Department (reading room, office, staff accommodations, and stack area) from which the Negroes of the state receive the same services as those offered by the Readers' Services Department to the white population.

The Department for the Blind occupies all of the fourth floor except the offices across the north end. It is one of thirty regional libraries in the United States, of talking book recordings and books in Braille, which are supplied by the Federal Government, and this collection is available for loan to the blind of Louisiana and Mississippi. Borrowing privileges are limited to those persons with ten per cent of normal vision or less. New readers must be certified by the State Department of Welfare.

The fifth floor has a meeting room on the south end, the staff lounge on the north end, and a stack area in between.

As is stated in the statistics at the end of this article, the book capacity of the building is 350,000 volumes. If this seems small, it must be remembered that the State Library has thousands of its books on indefinite loan to parish libraries and in library demonstrations, space for which need not be provided in the building.

It will be noted, too, that care was taken on the upper floors to see that all offices were located on the north and south for views and light with stacks in the central portion of the building.

The stack areas have slit windows on all the upper floors, serving to light the aisles, open the stack areas, and to express the general plan of the building in elevation.

The building is completely air conditioned.

The move to the new building was completed in the summer of 1958. This is the fifth home that the library has had, beginning with its first in one room in the old Capitol in 1935, next in quarters on the eighteenth floor of the new Capitol where it remained until 1940 when it was moved to the old Hill Memorial Library building, and then during construction of the new building, temporary quarters in the Commerce Building.

Open house was held November 9, 1958, and over two thousand persons from all over the state thronged through the building, rejoicing with the Board and Staff on its completion.

Architects: Designing architect: John J. Desmond, Hammond, Louisiana

Structural architects: Burk, LeBreton & Laman-tia, New Orleans, Louisiana

Consultants: Ralph A. Ulveling and C. M. Mohrhardt, Detroit, Michigan

Contractor: George A. Caldwell, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Total area: 94,000 square feet

Total cost: \$2,000,000 (bond issue) includes building, furniture, equipment, architect's fee, etc.

Book capacity: 350,000 volumes

Auditorium capacity: 224 seats

Exterior: White Vermont marble and Pittsburgh glass, with concrete structural frame exposed

Interior Materials and Equipment: Panelling: Walnut-finished British-Honduras mahogany

Floors and floor coverings: Rubber tile, Wisconsin slate, ceramic tile, Duraloom carpet

Ceilings: Acoustical and asbestos ceiling tile (Johns-Manville)

Wall panelling and wooden built-in bookcases: Ricke Cabinet Works, Inc.

Draperies: Raphael diffusion cloth

Stacks: Estey Corporation

Specially-designed equipment: by Westbrook Manufacturing Company, Jackson, Mississippi, Main charging desk (top—Tennessee marble), Louisiana charging desk, periodical racks, shipping desk, film charging desk, Negro Services charging desk, Blind Department charging desk, second floor credenzas

Wooden library furniture: Remington Rand, Except reading chairs: B. L. Marble

Metal office furniture: General Fireproofing

Non-metal office furniture and visitor's chairs: Knoll Associates

Lounge-type furniture: Knoll Associates

Chairs in meeting room (5th floor) and film-preview room (2nd floor): Thonet

Tables and chairs in staff dining area: Herman Miller

Kitchen in staff lounge: Thermidor stove, oven and refrigerator

Kitchen in Negro Services Department: Mutchler Equipment

Air-conditioning system: (High velocity with individual office control)—Minneapolis-Honeywell

Inter-communication system: R. C. A.

Awards on building: For design: Progressive Architecture Magazine Honor award: Gulf States Regional Competition of the American Institute of Architects, October, 1958

The New Ouachita Parish Library

By

FRANCES FLANDERS

The Ouachita Parish Public Library is one of the oldest public libraries in Louisiana. Organized as the Monroe Public Library in 1916, it has operated in the home of the late Mrs. Anna Meyer, which she left to the community for this purpose, since 1920. The building of the southern colonial type, which was adequate in 1920 is completely inadequate today. Recognizing this fact, the people of Ouachita Parish in 1956 voted a bond issue of \$700,000 for the construction of three library buildings. The headquarters library and the Anna Meyer branch were planned for Monroe and a new branch library for West Monroe. The West Monroe library was completed in June of 1958, and the headquarters library will be ready for occupancy in March of 1959.

In selecting a site for the new library, the members of the Board of Control made a very careful study of the possibilities and decided to move out into a new commercial section, much nearer the larger part of the residential area than the down-town section of Monroe. Within a radius of one mile are located five different schools, and only a few blocks away is the city's largest shopping center. The site is 420 x 130 feet and is bounded by three streets, one of which is a main traffic artery. The cost of the site was \$38,000. The building has an area of 18,552 square feet and the general contract price was \$279,000. This includes air-conditioning and heating systems, the steel book stacks and site improvements such as paved

parking areas, curb and gutter, sidewalks and the necessary fill on the lot. The architects fees came to \$16,740, while the cost of the furniture and equipment will come to around \$40,000.

The library is a one-story structure with a balcony, which houses the upper level of the stacks. The stack area has linear footage of 10,808 feet and will accommodate 70,560 books. The other book shelves will bring the capacity of the library to 100,000 books. The building has a structural steel frame and is built of concrete and masonry with a limestone trim. It is lighted by fluorescent troffers and the floors are terazzo and rubber and ceramic tile.

The bookmobile garage, which will house two bookmobiles, opens into the technical process and headquarters room, where the bookmobile book collection will be housed. A meeting room with a seating capacity of 100 has its own entrance, so that it can be used at hours when the library is not open.

The colors of the interior are beautiful. The public area has blue plaster walls, light birch panelling and a liberal amount of Italian marble. The balcony rail is made of aluminum and glass and the stairs and supporting columns are encased in marble. The walls in the other rooms are all soft in color and blend gently into one another. The building is modern, light, airy and functional and should serve the library needs of Ouachita Parish for many years.

The New St. Mary Parish Library

By

LOLA C. GATES

The new St. Mary Parish Library building was formally dedicated on November 16, 1958—just five years after the establishment of the Parish Library system. The idea for the building began a number of years ago when ten thousand dollars was donated for this purpose by a library friend. The completed building cost \$92,300.00 exclusive of the site, furniture, equipment and landscaping. Situated behind two beautiful live oaks, the building has about twenty feet of its front in marble, with the library's name in large aluminum letters.

Built on a lot 130 by 160 feet, the modern pink brick structure has an air of unusual spaciousness. It is located one-half block from Main Street and Highway 90, and only about two blocks from the heart of Franklin. Besides the marble, the front of the building is finished in one-fourth inch Solex plate glass with aluminum fittings.

The architect, Lloyd Guillory, has designed a modern library structure, of steel construction with brick walls, large glass areas and modern furniture. There is 6,000 square feet of floor space on one and a half floor levels, with overall dimensions of 40 by 96 feet. The shelving capacity is approximately 30,000 volumes.

On the main floor are the adult reference services, the music listening corner, the young adult area, the children's department, the circulation desk, work room, staff lounge, and librarian's office. Acoustical plaster ceiling and asphalt tile floors are used. Interior walls feature natural pink brick, plywood paneling, and pale green walls. Soft brown and tan have been used for the tile, and fluorescent lighting has been used throughout the building. There is a book lift for staff use between the first and second floors.

The area on the second floor, which is at mezzanine height, contains old issues of magazines, an area for Library Board meetings, a desk for the bookmobile librarian, and seating capacity for 40 readers. Herman Miller stack chairs are used in this area. All furniture was provided by Remington Rand. The library grounds have been appropriately landscaped by the Franklin Rotary Club.

COSTS

Architect's fee	\$ 5,300.00
Building	71,000.00
Air conditioning and plumbing	16,000.00
Building site	30,000.00
Furniture and equipment	20,000.00

The Librarian's Role in the Preservation Of State and Local History

By

E. D. JOHNSON

The state of Louisiana has a history that is one of the most interesting of any state in the Union. Its history is a vital part of the history of the South, of the United States, and of North America, with close ties to Mexico, Canada, the West Indies,

France and Spain. No history of the region, the nation or the continent can be written without giving full attention to Louisiana, and yet Louisiana's history itself has been poorly written. The source materials on which that written history should be based

have been scattered, and the would be scholar finds it difficult to locate and obtain them. Even in the field of printed source materials, some of the best collections are not in Louisiana, but at the Universities of Alabama, Texas, Illinois, St. Louis and Wisconsin. The states of the upper Mississippi and Ohio valleys have felt that the history of Louisiana is a part of their heritage, and have bought everything on the subject until books on Louisiana history are among the rarest of those of any state. The libraries at L.S.U. and Tulane have done excellent jobs in acquiring and preserving manuscript and printed materials on Louisiana history. So have the New Orleans Public Library, the Louisiana State Library, and a number of other collections. But there is still much to be done. Moreover, every library, whether public, school or college, should play a definite part in collecting, preserving and popularizing the materials on the history of the state.

Assuming that the state's universities and archival agencies will continue to build up their collections of both primary and secondary source materials, there is still much that the college libraries can do. In the first place they can concentrate on regional history and make themselves responsible for collecting and preserving materials of local and regional interest. With a little cooperation, the state could be divided into spheres of interest among the state's colleges, and strong regional collections could be amassed and preserved. Without attempting to duplicate the university holdings, the college libraries should still acquire Louisiana items as they come on the market and as funds are available. Gifts should be encouraged, and private collections in danger of dispersal should be channeled into libraries where they can be cataloged, preserved and made available to students. College libraries are in a particularly appropriate position to encourage research and writing in local and regional history. This can be done through faculty members, student groups, or local historical societies. In addition to what are usually considered historical materials, the college libraries should make an effort to collect

information and records on regional professional organizations, on major business enterprises, and on religious and cultural movements within the area. Every serial publication, whether institutional, government, private or business, should be preserved, and particularly newspapers should be kept either in the original or in microfilm form. The colleges are, whether they realize it or not, the cultural centers of their regions, and their libraries should reflect that fact to the utmost.

The public library is in an even better position to collect local historical materials, although it may not always have the facilities to catalog and preserve them. Even so, everything that may possibly be of interest to the future historian should be collected. All publications of chambers of commerce, business firms, schools, civic, social and fraternal organizations, and local government units should be obtained, and if facilities are not available to keep them they should be passed on to a college or university library. Local newspapers should of course be preserved, and if at all possible they should be indexed, at least for more important news events and articles of local biography and history. All encouragement possible should be given to local students of history, and to groups interested in the study and preservation of local history. If there is a local historical society, so much the better; if not, one should be encouraged. The public library that is history minded is adding one more valuable feature to its services to the public.

Finally, there are many things that the school library and the school librarian can do to encourage the collection and appreciation of local history materials. The library should of course contain the books on state and local history that are suitable for the age groups served and that are in print or easily available. Materials to back up the teaching of state history should be available and in the hands of the history teacher. The school library should be particularly interested in everything available on the history of its own school and school system, and

should preserve all publications of the school, its student body, and its school board. Scrap-books of newspaper clippings about the school should be kept; even sports records are worth keeping. Above all, the school librarian can join with the history teachers in arousing student interest in local history and neighboring historical spots. Appreciation for the value of local history and historical materials cannot be taught too early. Often enthusiasm aroused among pupils will carry over to their parents and worthwhile community projects will result. Every school should have a local history file, contributed to by students, faculty and

interested citizens, and kept up to date through clippings. High school history classes have written acceptable local histories as class projects, and even though they may not merit publication they can be filed in the school library for use by future students.

Whatever the type of library, it will someday be turned to by the local historian in search of source materials, and the alert librarian can plan to be prepared. If our libraries are prepared, and if the preserving and writing of state and local history is encouraged, then the printed histories of the future will be all the better and more accurate for it.

News of Libraries and Librarians

By

MRS. EDITH P. TAYLOR

Mr. Maurice B. Sachse has been elected president of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library Board. Other officers are Mr. Leroy Ward, Jr., Vice-President, and Mr. Lewis S. Doherty, Jr., Treasurer. Mrs. Ernest Gueymard, Assistant Librarian, was "spot-lighted" in the City-Parish News, November 28, 1958. Mrs. Max Schenker, Librarian, accepted enthusiastically the invitation from the Future Business Leaders of America, Istrouma Chapter, to serve as Business Sponsor.

Miss Alberta Robichoux, L.S.U. Library School graduate, has replaced Mrs. Mary Sue Bailey as Reference and Information Service Librarian at Jefferson Parish Public Library. Miss Robichoux is a sister of Miss Esther Robichoux, Webster Parish Librarian.

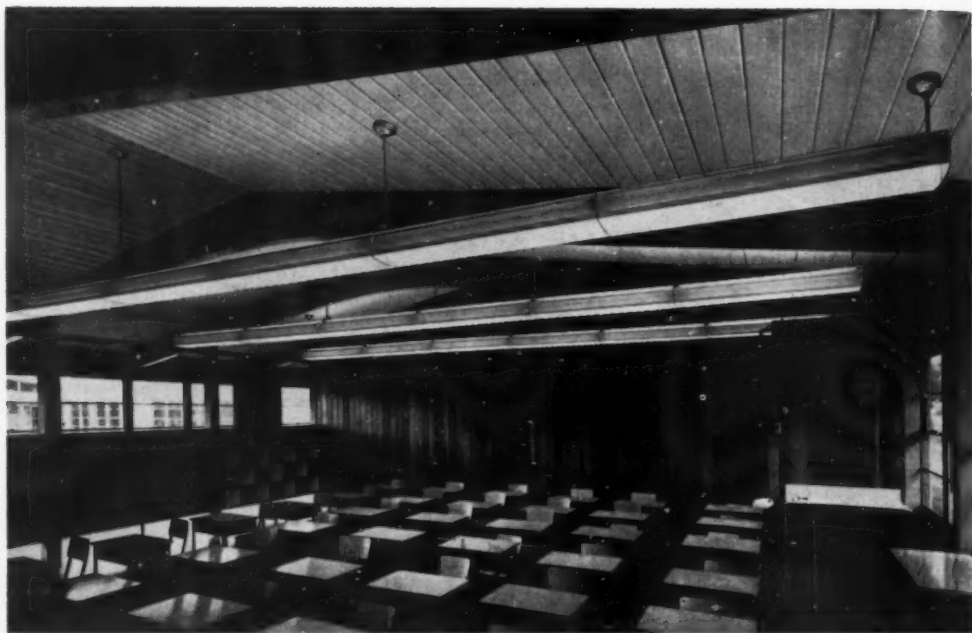
Miss Edith Peterson, Lafourche Parish Librarian, was married on October 5, 1958, to Mr. Robert A. Taylor, Jr., Well-logging Superintendent for Hycatector Company of Thibodaux.

The Department of Archives and Manuscripts of Louisiana State University has moved its holdings of some 2,000,000 items

to the Library Building on the Campus. Persons and families represented in recent accessions include Charles M. Conrad, U.S. Senator, Secretary of War, and delegate to the Confederate Provisional Congress; James B. Aswell, Representative in Congress and State Superintendent of Education; Confederate Generals Joseph L. Brent, Richard Taylor, Samuel Wragg Ferguson, and James Hagan; Duncan F. Kenner, planter, member of the Confederate Congress and Confederate Minister Plenipotentiary to France; John A. Quitman, general in the Mexican War and Statesman; General Zachary Taylor; and Lyle Saxon, Writer and state supervisor of the former Louisiana Writers' Project.

The L.S.U. Library School will have available for the 1959-60 school year an H. W. Wilson Company Scholarship of \$500. Librarians are asked to make this opportunity known to promising prospective librarians who should make application to the Library School.

Mrs. Florrinell F. Morton, Director, L.S.U. Library School, was elected Vice-President and President-elect of the South-



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western Library Association at its Galveston Conference in October. Mrs. Morton spoke on the "Undergraduate Standards for Library Education" at a special meeting of administrative heads and teachers in undergraduate library education programs. Mrs. Morton and Dr. Ruth M. Baldwin, faculty member, attended the Midwinter Meeting of A.L.A. and of the Association of American Library Schools. A.L.A. activities of Library School faculty include membership on the Young Adult Services Division Activities Committee and Public Library Division Publications Committee for Dr. Shirley K. Stephenson; Membership on the Subscription Books Committee for Dr. Ruth Baldwin, and membership on the Library Education Division Executive Board and the A.L.A. Program Evaluation and Budget Committee, and Chairman, Subcommittee on Standards for Undergraduate Library Education of the Committee on Accreditation for Mrs. Morton.

Dr. James S. Cookson, Instructor in the Library School, spoke before the second Genealogical Institute on January 9 on the subject "A General Introduction to Genealogy; How Does One Start?"

The new \$3,000,000 Library building at the corner of Loyola and Tulane in the Civic Center of New Orleans was opened for public use at 1:00 p.m., December 15, 1958. Only three days elapsed from the closing of Information Service at the old building to the opening of the new. Due to budget limitation the schedule of the Library was reduced to forty hours per week which has caused a loud outcry among the citizens of the community and efforts are under way to restore the schedule at an early date. In spite of the restricted schedule the volume of business has doubled or tripled since the move and prospects are bright for the trend to continue. The date for the dedication of the new building has not been set but announcements will be released just as soon as plans have been completed.

The formal opening of the new Ouachita Parish Public Library Headquarters building will be held sometime in March.

A new Gerstenslager Bookmobile has

been received at the St. Tammany Parish Library. Miss Jacqueline Corkern, a recent graduate of Mississippi College with a minor in Library Science, will be the new Bookmobile Assistant. Mr. Arthur M. Schaefer of Lacombe is a new Board Member replacing John Leveson of Abita Springs who resigned recently. Miss Pauline Ballam is the new Madisonville Branch Assistant replacing Mrs. Bianca Chatellier who faithfully served the Branch for eight and one-half years.

Mrs. Jean Elliott resigned from the Shreve Memorial Library Staff to accept a position in Art Education in Denver. She has been replaced by Vivian Holder, a January graduate of Louisiana Tech. Gloria Monk attended the Genealogical Institute in Baton Rouge.

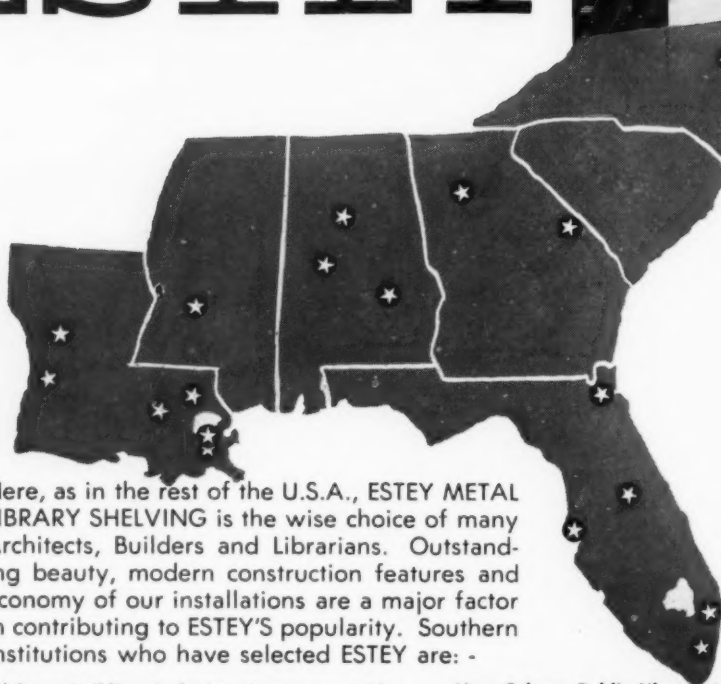
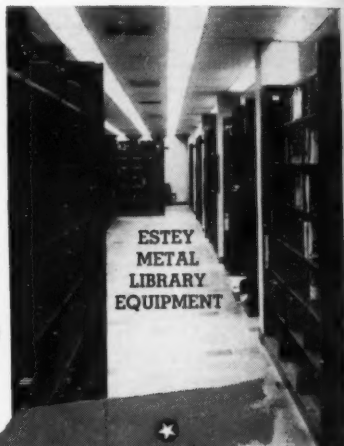
The Vernon Parish Library Building dedication will be held as soon as all the furniture arrives. Miss Shirley Morse of Ponchartroula replaced Mrs. Wanda Jordan Hoffpauir as assistant librarian. Miss Morse previously worked in the Claiborne and St. Tammany Parish Libraries and the Edgard High School Library.

Miss Esther Robichoux, Webster Parish Librarian, attended the Administrative Parish Librarians Meeting in Baton Rouge in December.

The Executive Council of the Louisiana Association of School Librarians met in Alexandria on January 10. Attending were Jean Royston, W. W. Lewis Junior High of Sulphur, President; Pauline J. Parker, Ferriday Junior High, Vice-President; Elizabeth B. Mitchell, Many High School, Secretary; Geneva Washburn, Neville High School, Monroe, Treasurer; Darothy Nickey, Pelican High School, Past-President; and Lucile Daughdril, Northwestern State College Elementary School; Candide Breaux, Loreauville High School; Lucille Carnahan, Northwestern State College; Gladys Ward, Ouachita Parish High School (Monroe); Mildred Wooten, Eunice High School, and Agnes Clark, Natchitoches High School, Committee Chairmen.

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Mrs. Lucille M. McDowell, McKowen High; Mrs. Mary C. Robinson, Wisner High; Mrs. Margaret Owens, Dry Prong High; Mrs. Wayne West, Weeks Jr. High; Mrs. Roy Smith, Jonesboro Elementary; Mrs. Ione Suttle, Jonesboro-Hodge Jr. High; Mrs. Jo Ann V. Stark, Fenton High; Mrs. Rita B. Broussard, Scott High; Mrs. Mamel S. Scott, Thibodaux Jr. High; Mrs. Una Mae S. Paul, LaSalle High; Mrs. Mary Ann Smalling, Ruston Jr. High (substitute for Nancy Jane Magee who is on sabbatical); Charles B. Wheat, Live Oak High, Watson; Clara O. Cheves, Campti High; Claire H. Greene, Cloutierville High; Lillian Montgomery, Goldonna High; Ruth Nesom,

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Librarians in new schools or holding new positions are: Mrs. Ruth Zeigler, Benton High; Mrs. Ruth Calvin, Kerr Elementary, Bossier City; Mrs. Mary Jane Johnson, Plantation Park Elementary, Bossier City; Elaine Tieman, F. K. White Jr. High, Lake Charles; Mrs. Pauline J. Parker, Ferriday Jr. High; Esther Abney, Grand Isle High; Inez G. Kirk, West Natchitoches Elementary; Mrs. Winona Riggs, Ouachita Parish Jr. High; Drucilla Motley, West Monroe Jr. High; Mrs. Elizabeth Daughdrill, Port Sulphur High; Miss U. D. Hunter, Coushatta Elementary; Ruby Skinner, Many Elementary; Adam Francois, Lawtell High; Mrs. Doris B. Jackson, Palmetto High; Alice Peters, Franklin Elementary; Louise Shoptaugh, M. B. Shannon Elementary, Morgan City; Joanne Spinks, Covington Jr. High; Myrtle S. Higgs, Pearl River Jr. High; E. Jeannette Sollberger, Slidell Jr. High; Jewell Odean McMurry, Oaklawn Elementary, Houma; and Mrs. Jewell James, Browning Elementary, Springhill.

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affair. The wife of the Governor of Louisiana, wives of state officials and board members, along with presidents of state organizations assisted at the coffee held in the staff room.

The auditorium of the new State Library Building was used for the first time on Sunday, November 30, when the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Emil Cooper presented a program of chamber music.

Mrs. Elizabeth Manhein of Monroe has been appointed a member of the Louisiana State Library Board of Commissioners. She replaces Mrs. Fensky Terzia, also of Monroe, whose term had expired. Dr. Joel Fletcher of Lafayette was reappointed for another term.

Mrs. Mary Brand has been appointed acting librarian of the Cameron Parish Library Demonstration.

Mr. Jack Uhler has been appointed acting librarian of the Plaquemines Parish Library Demonstration which will open this spring. Mr. Uhler has been a member of the L.S.U. Library staff.

Bookmobiles became a regular part of the service in Caddo Parish on January 31, 1959, when the one year demonstration conducted by the State Library ended. The police jury appropriated \$56,000 for service in the parish outside the City of Shreveport. Mrs. Margaret Phillips, bookmobile librarian, was appointed Caddo Extension Librarian and will be in charge of the branch libraries of the parish as well as the bookmobiles.

Miss Essae M. Culver, State Librarian, and her brother, Mr. Chester Culver of Detroit, spent two weeks in California during November. Another California visitor from the State Library was Miss Debora Abramson who visited Mrs. Bertha Hellum, formerly librarian of Jefferson Parish, during the latter part of December and early January. Miss Abramson also enjoyed a visit with Miss Mary W. Harris, former Director of Extension at the State Library.

Miss Abramson, Miss Sallie Farrell, and Mr. M. C. Wellman of the State Library attended the mid-winter meeting of A.L.A. in Chicago.

Administrative parish librarians attended a two-day conference at the State Library December 8-9, 1958. Plans were made for a Personnel Conference to be held at Pleasant Hall, L. S. U. in October.

On January 10, the Grant Parish Police Jury appropriated funds for a library demonstration to begin in the fall of '59 or spring of '60.

The college teachers of Library Science and the Directors of Materials Bureaus will have a joint meeting on Wednesday, March 18, at 1:00 p. m. and on Thursday, March 19, at 8:00 a. m. There will also be a meeting of the State Committee of the Southern States Work Conference on Wednesday, March 18, at 7:00 p. m. All of these meetings will be in the L. S. U. Library School, reports Mrs. Will W. de Grummond, Supervisor of School Libraries.

Dr. Eugene Watson announces that the first issue of the *Louisiana Historical Review*, a quarterly to be published by the Louisiana Historical Society, is scheduled to appear in April.

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Louisiana citizens have responded to the invitation to endorse and plan for observance of the "WEEK." Mr. Ovey Trahan of Winnfield was appointed as the Chairman for Louisiana and Miss Loma Knighten of Southwestern Louisiana Institute at Lafayette was appointed as the Executive Director. Mrs. Hanks, President of the Louisiana Library Association, made these appointments.

Prominent Louisianians from all sections of the state and from different fields of interest are serving on the State Committee with many serving for a second time. Even though the committee has not been completed those who have accepted are working on specific assignments to make this year a success. The names and groups of Louisiana's committee include:

AGRICULTURE—J. H. Jones, Asst. Sociologist, Agr. Ext. Div., L.S.U., Baton Rouge; Miss Ellen Lenoir, State Home Dem. Agent, Agr. Ext. Div., L.S.U., Baton Rouge.

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ORGANIZATIONS—Mrs. B. H. McChesney, Chairman, Lib. Div., L.F.W.C., Baton Rouge; Coleman Kuhn, Chairman "Operation Library," La. Jr. Chamber of Commerce, New Orleans; Mrs. George Walther, Pres. La. P.T.A., Lake Charles.

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MINISTRY—The Very Reverend Leonard E. Nelson, Dean, Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans.

AUTHORS—Harnett T. Kane, New Orleans.

YOUTH—Miss Cindy Click, Pres., La. Teen-Age Librarians, Eunice.

LIBRARIANS AND LIBRARY TRUSTEES—Mrs. Ruby Hanks, Pres., La. Library Assn., Winnfield; Miss Essae M. Culver, State Librarian, and Miss Sallie Farrell, Field Representative, La. State Library; Mrs. Lena DeGrummond, State Supervisor of School Libraries (all of Baton Rouge); John Hall Jacobs, Librarian, New Orleans

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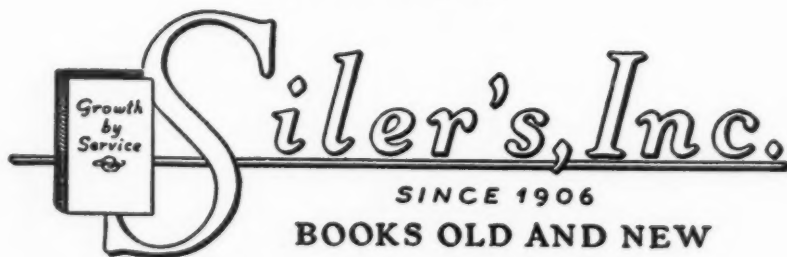
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Parish librarians have been asked to work with citizens in each parish to set up local committees. In parishes without libraries a citizen has been asked to take the initiative

in setting up an organization. All parts of the state will be included in this celebration.

Much enthusiasm has been shown and the committee hopes the results for 1959 will be as successful as those for 1958. As one librarian has said, "We are still receiving good results from last year's program, which I think is about the best and most successful project I have taken part in since I went into library work."

Conference of La. College Librarians

The fourth Conference of Louisiana College Librarians was held in the Richard W. Norton Memorial Library at Louisiana College, Pineville, on November 14 and 15, 1958. Sammy Dyson, Librarian of Louisiana College, served as host and moderator. The topics discussed at the three conferences were:

The proposal to index the chief Louisiana magazines.

Leader: Dr. Eugene Watson, Northwestern State College.

The possibilities of co-operation among Louisiana libraries with regard to microfilm and microcard purchases.

Leader: Mr. E. J. Scheerer, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute.

The faculty library committee.

Leader: Miss Anna Davis, Southwestern Louisiana College.

An informal dinner was enjoyed at the Holiday Inn Motel on Friday evening, November 14, and this was followed by a general discussion. There was also a business meeting at the end of the third program session on Saturday morning.

In addition to the program leaders and the moderator, the following librarians were present: Mrs. Maud Bentrup, Northeastern State College; Dr. George B. Davis, Centenary College; Mr. James W. Dyson, Loyola

University; Dr. E. D. Johnson, Southwestern Louisiana Institute; Mr. S. J. Marino, McNeese State College; Mr. W. H. O. Scott, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute; and Dr. Sidney B. Smith, Louisiana State University.

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9:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M.—Registration

2:00 P.M.—First General Session

Keynote Address—"Now That We Have Built . . ."—Dr. Ralph E. Ellsworth, Director of Libraries, University of Colorado

4:00 P.M.—Coffee with Exhibitors

8:00 P.M.—Second General Session

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FRIDAY, MARCH 20

7:30 A.M.—Past President's Breakfast

8:30 A.M.-7:30 P.M.—Registration

9:00 A.M.—Sectional Meetings

College and Reference Section—L.S.U. Library

Speaker—Dr. Ralph Ellsworth

Louisiana Association of School Libraries

Speaker—Julien Bryan

Public Library Section and Trustees' Section—Joint Meeting

"Freedom of Education or Democratic versus Soviet System," Dr. Alexander Sas Jaworsky, Veterinarian, Ab-

beville. Authority on American history and winner on television quiz programs.

12:00 Noon—Awards Luncheon

"Libraries and the Challenge to American Education," Theodore Waller, Vice President and Director School and Library Division, The Grolier Society and Americana Corporation. Chairman Steering Committee, National Library Week.

Presentation of Modisette Awards

Afternoon—Open House Louisiana State Library

8:00 P.M.—Book Dinner

"Reluctant Rebel—The Secret Diary of Robert Patrick—1861-1865," Dr. F. Jay Taylor, Author and Chairman of Department of History, Louisiana College.

Presentation of Louisiana Literary Award

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

7:30 A.M.—L. S. U. Library School Alumni Association Breakfast

9:00 A.M.—Third General Session

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Keynote speaker for the First General Session is Dr. Ralph E. Ellsworth, Director of Libraries at the University of Colorado. A lot of us remember him as being at the University of Iowa, where he held forth as Director of Libraries and Professor of Librarianship from 1943 to 1958. But previous to that his ties were strictly Coloradan, with library service at Adams State College, Alamosa; Colorado State College of Education; and at the University. He is a former president of the Colorado Library Association, and also of the Association of College and Reference Libraries. His professional interests include all phases of college and university library work, but his particular interest is library architecture. His publications are many, and his contributions to the general field of library service in the United States rank him among the outstanding librarians of our day. We can well look forward to hearing and meeting him.

Julien Bryan, who will present a film-illustrated story on "Russia Today and Yesterday" at the Second General Session, has been aptly called "the dean of American documentary photographers and travel lecturers." As foreign correspondent, tour leader, photographer and lecturer, he has traveled most of the world. His motion pictures on foreign lands have been shown at the State Department and at the White House in Washington, and his documentary films have been exhibited all over the world. He returned in October, 1958, from his eleventh trip to Russia, and his program will compare the Russia of the 1930's with that

of today. Mr. Bryan believes in travel, both as a vocation and as a way of getting to know other people. He feels that the best way to promote international understanding is for the peoples of the world to see for themselves how their global neighbors live.

Theodore Waller, who will speak on "Libraries and the challenge to American education" at the Awards Luncheon, is vice president and director of the school and library division of the Grolier Society and the Americana Corporation. Moreover, he is Chairman of the Steering Committee of the National Library Week, which makes him even more at home at a library convention. His experience has been varied, ranging from social work through a tour in Russia with U.N.R.R.A. in 1946-47 and down to editorial positions with the New American Library and his present post. He is co-author of *Books and the Mass Market*, and author of a number of articles in library and publishing journals. Books and reading are his special interests and his talk should be a natural for the occasion.

Coming closer to home, our speaker for the Book Dinner will be Dr. F. Jay Taylor, Chairman of the Department of History at Louisiana College. The topic for his speech, "Reluctant Rebel—The Secret Diary of Robert Patrick," sounds strangely like the title of his new book which will be published by the L.S.U. Press in April. He is also the author of *The United States and the Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939*, which was published in 1956, and of numerous magazine articles. Lest we think he might be too "bookish," he notes that he is also Chairman of the Louisiana College Faculty Athletics Committee. His latest book is based on the diary of a Louisiana Confederate soldier, and his talk should be most interesting.

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BATON ROUGE, LA.

400 CAMP ST.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

and Mr. Edward Wegener, Director of Educational Television at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, is the speaker. Mr. Wegener has had considerable experience in radio and television, and knows both the commercial

and educational aspects of the subject. His advice will be most valuable.

All in all, a well rounded program is in store for us, and the Program Committee should be congratulated.

HOTEL AND MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Baton Rouge

CAPITOL HOUSE (Convention Headquarters) (formerly the Heidelberg)

Single rooms	\$7.00-15.00 per day
Double rooms (1 bed)	9.50-18.00 per day
Double rooms (twin beds)	11.50-18.00 per day
Suites	22.00-60.00 per day

HEIDELBERG (formerly the King)

Single rooms	\$4.75- 8.50 per day
Double rooms (1 bed)	6.95-10.00 per day
Double rooms (twin bed)	10.00 per day

BELLEMONT MOTOR HOTEL, 7370

Airline Highway

Single room	\$5.75 per day
Double room (1 bed)	7.75 per day
Double room (twin beds)	8.75 per day

ALAMO PLAZA HOTEL COURTS, 4243

Florida

Single room	\$5.50- 7.00 per day
Double room (1 bed)	6.50- 8.00 per day
Double room (twin beds)	7.73- up per day

OAK MANOR MOTOR HOTEL, 8181

Airline Highway

Single room	\$6.00-12.00 per day
Double room (1 bed)	8.00- up per day
Double room (twin beds)	9.00- up per day

SHADES MOTEL, 8282 Airline Highway

Single room	\$7.21 per day
Double room (1 bed)	8.76 per day
Double room (twin beds)	11.33 per day

NOTE: This list includes only a few of the many motels that are available.

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TWO OTHER LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS INVITE LIBRARIANS AS MEMBERS

In addition to our library associations and the Louisiana Teachers Association to which so many of us belong, there are two other Louisiana professional associations in which librarians might well be interested.

One of these is the Louisiana Adult Education Association. This group invites both individual and organizational memberships at \$2.00 each per year. Its purposes are to stimulate and promote adult education programs in Louisiana, to encourage and provide means for developing leadership in adult education, and to share information and promote closer cooperation among all groups and individuals concerned with adult education. Membership applications or re-

quests for further information should be sent to:

Mr. C. C. Couvillion
State Department of Education
850 North Fifth St.
Baton Rouge, La.

The other group we have in mind is the Louisiana Historical Association. Though an old organization, this group has recently been reorganized and is actively seeking members among teachers, librarians and all others interested in studying, preserving and promoting the history of Louisiana. Membership for either individual or library is \$5.00 per year, and a quarterly publication is planned in the near future. Membership applications and requests for information should be sent to:

John C. L. Andreassen, Sec'y and Treas.
Louisiana Historical Association
155 E. Airport Ave., Baton Rouge, La.

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